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Super-Efficiency Needed

The system, and the man who heads it, which supplies the leaders of this country with the "inside dope" on what's going on around the world is undergoing its sharpest and most severe criticism since the Central Intelligence Agency succeeded the wartime Office of Strategic Service.

Following the ill-fated Cuban invasion, President Kennedy named a study commission headed by retired Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor to assess the whole situation. Then Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., Massachusetts Institute of Technology chairman, was appointed to head a presidential board to keep a close check on foreign intelligence activities. This board is one that has been inactive since the new administration took over.

There is, then, major concern for the efficiency and effectiveness of the nation's intelligence system.

There have been rumors that even though present CIA director Allen Dulles was urged to stay in his position when the Kennedy administration took over, he may bow out once the present wave of criticism wears off.

It is difficult for the public to assess whether or not the CIA is doing a good job. Obviously there were some major errors made on

the anti-Castro invasion. Whether all, or part, of the blame can be laid to CIA will be determined, presumably, in the study which General Taylor heads.

The role of CIA director is a thankless one. No matter who has the job, he operates under certain disadvantages. One of the main handicaps is that he must operate under a system where all but the most sensitive matters involving security are out in the open while his counterpart in other countries can perform his duties and protect his country's secrets under more rigid regulations regarding the dissemination of information than those in this country.

The CIA director also is in the unfortunate position of not being able to let the public know about the success his agency scores. The failures are the ones which get out into the open.

With the handicaps under which it operates, our intelligence system must be super-efficient to overcome them. What the present studies will show about the effectiveness of CIA, we would not hazard a guess. But the results should be most helpful to the administration in making whatever corrections are deemed necessary to provide our leaders with the best possible system and service.

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